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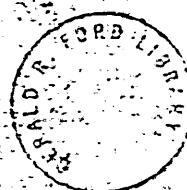
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WHITE HOUSE-MRS. DAVIS

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SUBJ: INDEPENDENCE DAY MESSAGE

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT *MOHAMMAD*
DAQUD FORM PRESIDENT FORD ON OR BEFORE MAY 27:

QTS: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES,
I EXTEND MY WARM CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND THE PEOPLE
OF THE REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN ON THIS ANNIVERSARY OF THE
REGAINING OF AFGHANISTAN'S INDEPENDENCE. WE SALUTE THE
AFGHAN PEOPLE ON THIS SPECIAL DAY FOR THEIR SPIRIT OF
FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE. MAY THE CLOSE RELATIONS BETWEEN
OUR TWO COUNTRIES CONTINUE IN THE FUTURE. SINCERELY,
GERALD R. FORD. UNQTE.

2. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE TEXT BUT HAS NO
OBJECTION TO GOA DOING SO. INGERSOLL

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